

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

DATE	24 AUG 52	2. LOCATION (Coast of N. Africa)	34°35'N-12°14'W	12. CONCLUSIONS
DATE-TIME GROUP	Local 2330	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
PHOTOS	C Yes H No	6. SOURCE	AF plane crew	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS		9. COURSE	11. COMMENTS
Brief Summary of Sighting Greenish blue. "Flash". Similar to gun fire or explosions.				

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USA-MATS

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Unidentified Flashes on Surface of Sea

Eastern Atlantic Off Moroccan Coast

Intelligence Officer, HQ. CNTID
MATS, Kelly AFB, San Antonio, Texas

3 September 1952

24 August 1952

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6th AT SQ, 1703d ATG, MATS, Brookley
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1. At approximately 2330Z on 24 August 1952 while piloting a C-124 type a/c on a transport mission from Lajes Air Force Base, Azores to Nouassuer Air Base, French Morocco at an altitude of 7500' on a magnetic heading of 118 degrees at a point 180 miles off coast of North Africa coordinates 34° 35' N - 12° 14' W, the pilot, Major Hugh L. Baynes and Co-pilot, Captain Charles H. Link, of the 6th Air Transport Squadron, 1703d Air Transport Group, CNTID, MATS, observed a distinct greenish blue, fan shaped flash similar to gun fire or an explosion at the surface of the sea at a distance estimated to be 50 to 75 miles from the aircraft at an angle of one o'clock. Five minutes later a second flash identical with first cited was observed at the same location.
2. When the aircraft arrived in the area of the incident a thorough observation was continued to ascertain presence of surface vessels with negative results. Area was free of any signs which would indicate fire or explosion of any type.
3. Aircraft continued to destination at Nouassuer and reported incident to MATS liaison officer on duty.

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